

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 9th June 2013**

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## **Amateur Station Licence Examination**

Due to revised arrangements with ComReg it is necessary to hold a morning and afternoon session at the next Amateur Station Licence Examination which will be held on Thursday, 4 July in the ComReg offices in Dublin. All the places for the afternoon session which will be at 2.00 p.m. have already been allocated. The morning session will commence at 10.30 a.m, also at the ComReg offices, and a time of two hours will be allowed in both sessions. Needless to say the paper for each session will be different. There are still places available for the morning session but it should be noted that the closing date of 14th June for completed application forms is now only five days away.

Full details, including entry procedure, examination fee and how to pay the fee on line are available at [www.irts.ie/exam](http://www.irts.ie/exam) . There is also an exam button on the home page. The remaining places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please note that it is necessary to download the application form from the web page and forward the completed form and the appropriate fee to secure a place at the examination. If you pay the fee on line you must still complete and forward the application form. Again the closing date for the receipt of completed applications is Friday, 14th June.

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## **News in Irish**

The weekly radio news in Irish, which is read by Paddy Maher EI7GK on Sundays at 11.30 am local time is moving from 80 metres to 40 metres with effect from today Sunday 9th June. The news frequency will be 7.128 MHz, which is 5kHz above the English-language 40 metre news frequency. As well as "as Gaeilge", call-ins in English are welcome to the news in Irish.

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## **IRTS AGM Awards**

Full details of recipients of IRTS AGM 2013 awards can be viewed on [www.irts.ie](http://www.irts.ie)

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## **CW Field Day**

We heard four stations participating in the IRTS CW field day contest last weekend: two were in Cork - they were Cork Radio Club EI1C and Ger EI5KF. Meanwhile Jim EI4HH was in County Laois and Joe EI7GY was in the Dublin Mountains.

The Geomagnetic Storm in the hours leading up to the contest must have led to some doubts about the effectiveness of field day antennas and other equipment, as signals all but disappeared from some of the HF bands early on Saturday. However, fortunately for the testers the storm had abated somewhat before the commencement of the contest.

A number of countries in IARU Region 1 have CW field day contests over the same weekend - Germany and Britain in particular. Band conditions were disappointing - following a period when the higher bands have produced some great signals, testers were disappointed with the poor propagation on 10 metres and 15 metres. Some interesting short-skip was however evident on 20 metres.

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### **North Cork Radio Group**

The North Cork Radio Group will be active from Friday 21st - Sunday 23rd June to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Cork Grand Prix. The call sign used will be EI75GP. There are more details to be found on the Grand Prix event at [www.ei1nc.com](http://www.ei1nc.com) or [www.corkgrandprix.com](http://www.corkgrandprix.com) We look forward to working you on the air.

The North Cork Radio Group is also pleased to announce that they will be organizing a Fox Hunt in County Cork on Saturday 14th September 2013. The purpose of this hunt is to find a fox in County Cork, by use of direction finding radio techniques using the 2-meter Amateur Radio band. The winner of the fox hunt is the team which finds the "fox" by the least mileage driven. The entry fee's are 10 euro per vehicle, and 70% of all money's received will be given as prize money. As this hunt is mainly based on receiving radio techniques to try to find the fox, this is open to everybody, including SWL's. For participation please contact Edwin van Mierlo EI2HEB on 086-3885741 or ei2heb/at/i1nc/dot/com. More info on [www.ei1nc.com](http://www.ei1nc.com)

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### **A FREE Cleartone CM-7200 4m AM/FM Radio Giveaway.**

Tony, EI4DIB is giving away one Cleartone 4 metre radio to a lucky winner. The radio will be completely and absolutely free, you only pay for postage. For full details of this free and exciting competition please click on the following link [bit.ly/187mw0r](http://bit.ly/187mw0r)

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## **Bushvalley Amateur Radio Club**

The Bushvalley Amateur Radio Club will be Activating Kilrea Royal Observer Corp Bunker on Saturday 22nd June 2013 from 10.30am onwards using the club callsign MN0GKL.

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## **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

Plans for the refresher sessions for those wishing to sit the next exam on July 4th have been finalized and are as follows. The three sessions will take place on Wednesday the 19th of June, Wednesday the 26th of June and the final one on Monday the 1st of July. These refresher sessions will take place in the Roanmore Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford from 7p.m. to 10p.m. Further info regarding classes can be got from Mark Wall EI7IS on 087 6302026 or from any SEARG committee member. Please note these are just refresher classes and not the entire syllabus for the exam.

The June meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford on Monday the 24th of June at 8.30 p.m. The meeting will be preceded by a committee meeting at 8.00 pm sharp and as always new members are very welcome.

Please check out [www.searg.com](http://www.searg.com) and find us on facebook and twitter.

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## **DX News**

Dave W9DR will be QRV from the British Virgin Islands in the Caribbean from 14 – 28 June. His callsign will be VP2V/W9DR and he will be on 6m SSB and CW. QSLs go via his home call.

John K9EL revisits the Caribbean island of St Martin from 11 – 28 June. Look for him as FS/K9EL on all bands 80 – 6m. QSL to his home call.

A small group of IOTA enthusiasts are operating as H44IOTA from various locations in the Solomon Islands over the next few weeks. They will also go to Temotu which counts as a separate DXCC entity where the callsign will be H40IOTA. QSL Manager is NR6M.

Harald DF2WO is back on the Cape Verde Islands until 20 June. He is again using the callsign D44TWO. His QSL manager is M0OXO.

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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